Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 0003 with the following amended paragraph:

[0003]   Recently, however, a new model for an interface between platform firmware and higher-level software such as operating systems was announced. That model is known as the Extensible Firmware Interface (EFI). Version 1.10 of the EFI Specification, dated December 1, 2002, may be obtained from ~~www.intel.com/technology/efi/main_specification.htm~~ the Internet at the following address (in which the characters "." and "/" have been replaced with the characters "+" and "=," respectively, to prevent the address from operating as a hyperlink): www+intel+com=technology=efi=main_specification+htm. The EFI specification defines a set of standard interfaces and structures to be provided by low-level platform firmware, for use in loading additional firmware and booting the OS.

Please replace paragraph 0004 with the following amended paragraph:

[0004]   Under the EFI model, firmware drivers and pre-OS applications should be formatted according to the portable executable (PE) format. The PE format is the file format that Microsoft Corporation adopted as the standard format to be used for executable files to run under operating systems such as Microsoft® Windows® NT, Microsoft® Windows® XP, Microsoft® Windows® 2000, and Microsoft Windows CE®. The term "portable executable" reflects an intention to provide a common format for executable files for multiple operating systems. PE files may run on multiple different hardware platforms, including 32 bit architectures and 64 bit architectures. Microsoft® linkers can be used to generate executable files in the PE format from object files in the Common Object File Format (COFF). COFF is the file format used for object files generated by Microsoft® compilers. The PE format and the COFF format are both described in revision 6.0 of the "Microsoft Portable Executable and Common Object File Format Specification," dated February 1999

(the "PE/COFF Specification"), available at

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